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In re Application of:	Jonathan Stinson
Application No.:	09/920998
Filed:	August 2, 2001
For:	Method for Enhancing Sheet or Tubing Metal Stent Radiopacity
Examiner:	Uyen T. Ho
Group Art Unit:	3731

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2B-9918-US01

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows:

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reasons that claim 43 is patentable over Weaver '776.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 43-47 and 49-55 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weaver (6,641,776).

CONCLUSION

Applicant has addressed each of the issues presented in the Office Action. Based on the amendment discussed in the teleconference of 12/03/04 with Examiner Ho, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early allowance of the claims as presented. Should any issues remain, the attorney of record may be reached at (952)563-3011 to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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